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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Pauley et al.
Serial No.: 09/414,764
For: RAPID EXPANSION TAMPON PLEDGET
Filed: October 7, 1999
Examiner: D. Ruhl
Art Unit: 3761
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0 to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

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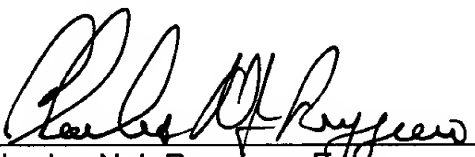
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 20 | Minus | 20 | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | Minus | 3 | 0 | x \$84.00 | \$ |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | x \$280.00 = \$ | | |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES | | | | \$00 | | |

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 00.

_____ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

November 18, 2002
Date



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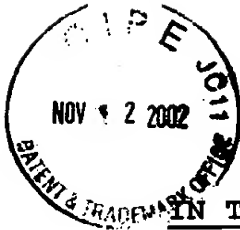
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on August 16, 2002 for the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete Fig. 1 from the specification.

Please delete the following paragraph at page 4, line 8 of the specification:

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING